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Response to Applicants' Amendment

1. Claims 1-18 are pending in the communication filed 12/12/06 entered as Response After Non-Final Action and New or Additional Drawings filed (Miscellaneous Action With SSP).
2. The Drawings filed 12/12/06 have been considered and are in compliance with the present amendment practice of 37 CFR 1.121.

The amendment filed 09/18/06 is still not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicants' reply does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121 because the newly submitted abstract has not been submitted on a separate page.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicants' are given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).


This action is **NON-FINAL**. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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